

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Norfolk, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

July 17, 2007 to August 10, 2007

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a federal construction activity to determine if it is consistent with the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The act seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

Department of Defense/U.S. Navy

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The U.S. Navy intends to make repairs to the aircraft parking apron and bulkhead at the SP area at Naval Station Norfolk in the City of Norfolk. Phase I project activities would include the removal of the existing 816 linear feet of deteriorated timber bulkhead façade and concrete cap along Mason Creek, power washing the steel sheetpile bulkhead, and replacing the façade with a vinyl or fiberglass bulkhead within the same general footprint as the timber bulkhead. Debris, both at and below the mud line, would be removed by clamshell and disposed of offsite at a permitted disposal facility. The void between the steel sheetpile bulkhead and the façade would be filled with lean concrete and a new concrete cap would be constructed. Activities landward of the steel sheetpile bulkhead would consist of excavation to inspect and replace/repair the tieback system, backfilling of all voids, and replanting the turf areas or replacing the concrete slabs or sidewalks. Curbing and handrails will be installed at the concrete cap for safety. Along Willoughby Bay, the Navy would conduct the majority of the rehabilitation activities in this area landward of the existing steel sheetpile bulkhead. The concrete cap will be removed and the soil behind the sheetpile bulkhead will be excavated to allow inspection and replacement or repair of the tieback system. Grout columns will be installed immediately landward of the steel sheetpile bulkhead. The area will be backfilled and a new concrete cap will be constructed. Only the new concrete cap will extend channelward of the steel sheetpile bulkhead. Some stone along the top of the existing revetment may be temporarily removed to allow the installation of the concrete cap. Any riprap removed during the construction of the concrete cap will be reinstalled after the cap has been constructed. The footprint of the revetment will not change.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ

within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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